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PUBLIC NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY
NEODESHA SWIMMING POOL
ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT
NEODESHA, WILSON COUNTY, KANSAS
FEMA-1711-DR-KS

Interested parties are hereby notified that the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has prepared a Draft Environmental Assessment (DEA) for the construction of a new public swimming pool. The original swimming pool was substantially damaged by the storms and flooding between June 30 and July 2, 2007. FEMA was authorized under a Presidential disaster declaration (FEMA-1711-DR-KS) to provide Federal disaster assistance to city of Neodesha in Wilson County, Kansas as a result of damages incurred during the incident period beginning on June 30 and July 2, 2007 (Section 408 of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act, 42 USC 5121-5206, as amended (Stafford Act, Public Law 93-288).

The new Neodesha swimming pool would be a 170,000 gallon pool that would be located on a 1.4 acre tract in northern Neodesha. This site was chosen because it was the only available tract outside of the 100-year floodplain, with no ground water contamination present, large enough to accommodate the planned construction, and within the Neodesha city limits. The project would include the pool itself, men and women's dressing rooms and restrooms, a waterslide, an interactive play feature, and a drop off area. The construction of the new facility would consist of site preparation (grading and/or excavation) and construction of the pool, buildings, and paved areas.

In compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act (42 U.S.C. 4371 *et seq.*), and associated environmental statutes, a DEA has been prepared to evaluate the proposed action's potential impacts on the human and natural environment. The DEA summarizes the purpose and need, site selection process, affected environment, and potential environmental consequences associated with the proposed action. The DEA is available for review between May 14, 2009 to June 12, 2009 at the Neodesha Rankin Library located at 502 Indiana Street, Neodesha, Kansas. The DEA can also be viewed and downloaded from FEMA's website at <http://www.fema.gov/plan/ehp/envdocuments/index.shtm>. Written comments on the DEA can be faxed to FEMA's Regional Office in Kansas City, Missouri at (816) 283-7018. Comments should be received no later than 5:00pm on June 12, 2009. If no substantive comments are received, the DEA will become final and this initial Public Notice will also serve as the final Public Notice. The DEA will then be moved to the archives page at http://www.fema.gov/plan/ehp/envdocuments/archives_index.shtm.